

Wall City Council Meeting
Community Center Meeting Room
February 1, 2024 6:30pm

Members present:

Mary Williams – Mayor
Rick Hustead – Councilman
Stan Anderson – Councilman
Kelly Welsh – Councilwoman
Jerry Morgan – Councilman
Mike Anderson – Councilman

Others present:

Carolynn Anderson - Finance Officer
Garrett Bryan - Public Works
Katie Bruce - Chamber Director
Dpt. Cordell, Dpt. Austin - Penn Co Sheriffs Dept.
Zack Hoffman

Members not present:

Dan Hauk – Councilman

(All action taken in the following minutes carried by unanimous vote unless otherwise stated)

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30pm; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman S Anderson was present on Zoom.

Deputy Cordell introduced Deputy Austin who has taken the one year, rotation shift out of Rapid City. He has been with the Sheriff's Department for 7 years. Cordell reported in the month of January, 2 arrests were made, one for DUI and one for assault. The deputies have also been working with Prairie Village on parking issues.

Councilman Morgan is attending to listen only and would like to abstain from all votes tonight as he had a surgical procedure done earlier in the day.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Welsh to approve the minutes of 1/23/2024 city council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Welsh, second by S Anderson to approve claims for the City of Wall, Fire Department, Library and Cemetery. Motion carried.

Reviewed:

- On-call schedule/Employee OT-sick-Vac report
- Water usage report
- Sales Tax report
- Budget Reports

Chamber Director Katie Bruce report:

- Community Center report was given to council members.
- The Chamber is hosting a “Bring on Spring” party on March 23rd. The cornhole tournament will start at 4pm with a band at 6pm. There will be food and a cash bar.
- Next WBACC board meeting is 2/2 at 7AM at the community center and the next chamber luncheon will be 2/13 at the community center. The chamber will be providing lunch.

No WEDC report.

Motion by Welsh, second by M Anderson to approve the purchase of fireworks for Option 3 from Premier Pyrotechnics, Inc to get the 10% in free product and order about \$9,000 worth of product. Motion carried.

Finance Officer (FO) Anderson report:

- Updated 4th Ave funding: REED loan application will need to be signed and sent in by 2/28 if needed. The SDDOT grant is \$600,000 and City will be reimbursed up to 80% of each invoice that is submitted until the full amount is reached. A local bank has been contacted and is looking into funding options. Still waiting to hear on the REDLEG loan. The 60 days given by the contractor for the city to get funding in place is near. Motion by S Anderson, second by Hustead to thank the contractor for the additional time we were given and notify the contractor we are ready to proceed. Motion carried.
- Preliminary 2022 audited financial statement has been received and shared with council to review and is available to review in the finance office.

Public Works Director (PWD) Bryan report:

- Trevor and Gary attended the basic drinking water classes last week and they both passed testing and received certifications. Trevor has completed all of his certifications and Gary has two remaining.
- MSHA training was today and OSHA training is February 7-8.

Mayor Williams report:

- The Airport Steering Committee will meet Friday, February 9th at noon for their first meeting.
- Mayor, council members, fire department and law enforcement met with Pennington County Housing Authority regarding concerns at Prairie Village. They made an action plan and will have a follow up meeting next month.
- Planning & Zoning meeting February 5th to consider a zoning request that has been submitted.
- Correction from prior meeting, the population of Wall is 695 rather than the 690 that was referenced last month. The population of Wall has dropped from a high of 892 in 2019 to 695 in 2022.

Next City Council meeting will be February 15th at 6:30pm.

Motion by Hustead, second by Welsh, to move into executive session to discuss legal/personnel issues according to SDCL 1-25-2 at 7:05pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams declared the meeting out of executive session at 7:44pm.

Motion by M Anderson, second by S Anderson to approve a .50 hourly wage increase effective with the February payroll for Trevor Fricke and Gary Vernon for passing their certification training. Motion carried.

There was a consensus from the council to have the attorney contract committee review with Attorney Trask the amendments to her contract.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Mary Williams, Mayor

Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer

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